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SUBJECT: US-UK CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS: REPORT ON MAY 19.

1. ONLY MEETING WAS WORKING GROUP ON CAPACITY (FOR US: BOYD, O'MELIA, YOUNG, AND STYLES). FRIDAY SCHEDULE IS 10 A.M., CAPACITY WORKING GROUP; NOON PLENARY.
2. US GROUP TABLED REVISED CAPACITY PROPOSAL, ALONG LINES OF PREVIOUS US PROPOSALS. (COPIES TO BE DISPATCHED TO WASHINGTON THIS WEEKEND). UK GROUP QUITE UPSET AT "NO US MOVEMENT". AFTER BRIEF RECESS, UK GROUP PRESENTED NEW UK CAPACITY PROPOSALS WHICH:
 - A. DO NOT INCLUDE PREVIOUS UK EFFORT TO EXERCISE UNILATERAL VETO OVER PROPOSED CAPACITY INCREASES IN CASE OF DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES AS TO NEED FOR CAPACITY INCREASE.
 - B. CALLS FOR ANNUAL BILATERAL CONSULTATION ON TRAFFIC FORECASTS IN EFFORT TO AGREE ON NEED FOR CAPACITY (CAPACITY, NOT JUST CAPACITY INCREASES).
 - C. INVOLVES PRESCREENING AND OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO

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- OTHER PARTY'S CAPACITY.
- D. IN EVENT OF DISPUTE, EACH CARRIER WOULD BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FREQUENCIES THAT ANY CARRIER OPERATED IN YEAR EARLIER PERIOD PLUS WHATEVER FREQUENCIES ARE NEEDED TO SERVE ITS SHARE OF AGREED (OR AVERAGE, IN CASE OF NO AGREED), FORECAST TRAFFIC INCREASE.
 - E. IN CASE OF NO AGREEMENT, CAPACITY INCREASES WHICH

PROVE TO PROVIDE TOO MUCH CAPACITY WOULD TRIGGER PENALTY CLAUSES, SIMILAR TO PENALTIES PROPOSED BY US. SPECIFICALLY, IF LOAD FACTORS MORE THAN 10 POINTS BELOW OBJECTIVE, THEN CARRIER MUST CUT BACK AT LEAST ONE FREQUENCY; IF LOAD FACTOR BELOW OBJECTIVE BY NOT MORE THAN 10 POINTS, THEN CARRIER CANNOT MAKE FURTHER CAPACITY INCREASE FOR NEXT SEASON.

3. UK PROPOSAL SPEAKS OF OBJECTIVE LOAD FACTOR OF 65 PERCENT FOR EACH SEASON. PROPOSAL IS UNCLEAR IN A NUMBER OF MAJOR ASPECTS, TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO SEAT AND LOAD FACTORS, FREQUENCIES AND SEATS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF PAPER.

4. US EFFORT FRIDAY A.M. WILL BE TO OBTAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF UK INTENT.

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